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U. S. Department of Agriculture Library
News Letter

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The Department Library regrets the loss of Miss Corbett, who resigned in December and went to the National Geographic Society. Her place has not yet been filled, and in consequence Miss Bishop was obliged to leave the Loan Desk work for a time in order to attend to necessary work on the mailing lists. The Bureau of Plant Industry Library was kind enough to allow Mrs. Joseph to help at the Loan Desk for this time and Mrs. Joseph herself was kind enough to do it.

Miss Potter, who was obliged to take a long leave of absence on account of her health, writes from her home in Herkimer, N. Y., that she is improving and hopes that she may be able to come back to work in April.

Mr. W. Nijhoff, of the firm of Martinus Nijhoff in the Hague, visited the Library recently in the interests of his business.

The Library also had a visit recently from Mr. Roman S. Veller, of the Bureau of Cultural Relations, Moscow. He is here in this country to arrange exchanges of publications between institutions of Russia and this country. His help in the revision of our exchange lists and in obtaining Russian publications will, we feel, be a great boon.

The first award of the Eunice Rockwood Oberly Memorial Prize has just been made by the Committee which consists of Mr. W. W. Bishop, Librarian, University of Michigan, Miss M. E. Hazeltine, Preceptor, University of Wisconsin, Library School, Miss Mary K. Bryan, Bureau of Plant Industry, Miss Mary G. Leay, Librarian, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Dr. Erwin F. Smith, Bureau of Plant Industry, Mr. E. D. Tweedell, Assistant Librarian, The John Crerar Library, and Miss Barnett (Chairman). The prize was given to Mr. Max Meisel for his recently published Bibliography of American natural history; the pioneer century, 1769-1865, vol. 1. A copy of this is just being added to the Department Library. Mr. Meisel was born in Brooklyn in 1892, educated at the College of the City of New York (B.S. 1914), and the New York State Library School (B.L.D. 1916). During 1916 and 1917 he was a member of the Science Division of the New York Public Library, was in the army in 1918, and in Camp library work in 1918 and again in 1919. He is now in business in New York City. Mr. Meisel has been working on his bibliography for more than eight years. In a partially completed form it was submitted as a graduation requirement in June, 1916, to the New York State Library School. The Committee made honorable mention of the "Bibliography on the Marketing of Agricultural Products", compiled by Emily L. Day, Katherine Jacobs and Margaret T. Olcott, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library and issued in mimeographed form as Bibliographical Contribution No. 7 of the Department Library. Miss Hazeltine was especially enthusiastic over it, quoting the very favorable opinion of Professor Hibbard in regard to it.

During the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the main Library and the Bureau libraries had a number of visitors from outside the city.

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The International Institute of Agriculture at Rome has just appointed as Librarian, Mr. James G. Hodgson, formerly Reference Librarian of the University of Arizona, and as Assistant Librarian, Mlle. Denise Montel, formerly Librarian of the Colonial Institut de Marseille, France. Mlle. Montel, as you may remember, was here at the Department about a year ago, and was at one of our staff meetings for a few minutes. She had been taking a course in library work at Simmons College. Mr. Hodgson visited the Library and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics a day or two before he sailed for Rome on January 14, in order to get information and suggestions for his work. He is a graduate of the New York State Library School. Since the American delegate at the Institute is Mr. Asher Hobson, and as Mr. Hodgson omits the g in pronouncing his name, we think that the foreign members of the staff of the Institute will be somewhat confused in regard to them.

Possibly some of you may not have heard that the Government Printing Office will hereafter make an extra charge of 50 per cent for all rush printing and binding. In connection with the routine of sending publications to the main Library to be prepared for binding, it will be much appreciated by the Periodical Division and the Binding Section in particular if notes are always attached explaining that they are being sent for binding and whether it is desired that they be filed in the bureau libraries after they are bound.

Some recent changes have been made in connection with the publication work of the Department which are explained in Memorandum No. 512 of the Secretary. As the staff may not have seen this information, a copy of the memorandum is attached.

Heretofore the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin has been considered by the Library as a periodical and subscriptions for it have been entered accordingly. The Comptroller General has recently ruled (Decisions of the Comptroller, v. 4, Oct. 1924, p. 384) that this publication, being a daily publication which on its title-page defines itself as a "newspaper", and one which though mainly devoted to commercial interests disseminates general information of such class as news along with general news, is a newspaper as distinguished from a periodical and that the expense of a subscription thereto is payable from the proper allotment from the contingent expense fund for newspapers. Unfortunately, it will, therefore, be necessary hereafter to pay subscriptions for this publication from the allotment of the Department allowed for the purchase of newspapers which is limited by law to \$100 for each fiscal year. This allotment was insufficient even before this ruling. It will henceforth be much more inadequate as can easily be understood when it is explained that the price of a subscription to the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin is \$15.00 and we need to take three copies.

Another recent blow to the Library in connection with funds is the new plan which Rand, McNally & Co. has initiated for marketing the Commercial Atlas of America, effective with the 1925 edition. They are now leasing a geographical service instead of selling a book. This service includes the answering of geographical inquiries through their editorial division and costs \$26.00 a year. The Atlas year commences with the first of April, but the 1925 edition is available for delivery this month. The saddest part about it, though, is that the volume remains the property of the Company and will be

taken up each year at the time the new edition becomes available. As some compensation for this change we had hoped that this leasing of the service could be paid from the appropriations of the bureaus which might require the service, just as Dun's Reference Book is paid for by one of the bureaus, but the Solicitor has ruled that a subscription to a "geographical service" is so closely related to the purchase of atlases which are "books of reference" that unless a bureau has specific authority to purchase books of reference a "geographical service" can not be paid from a bureau appropriation.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

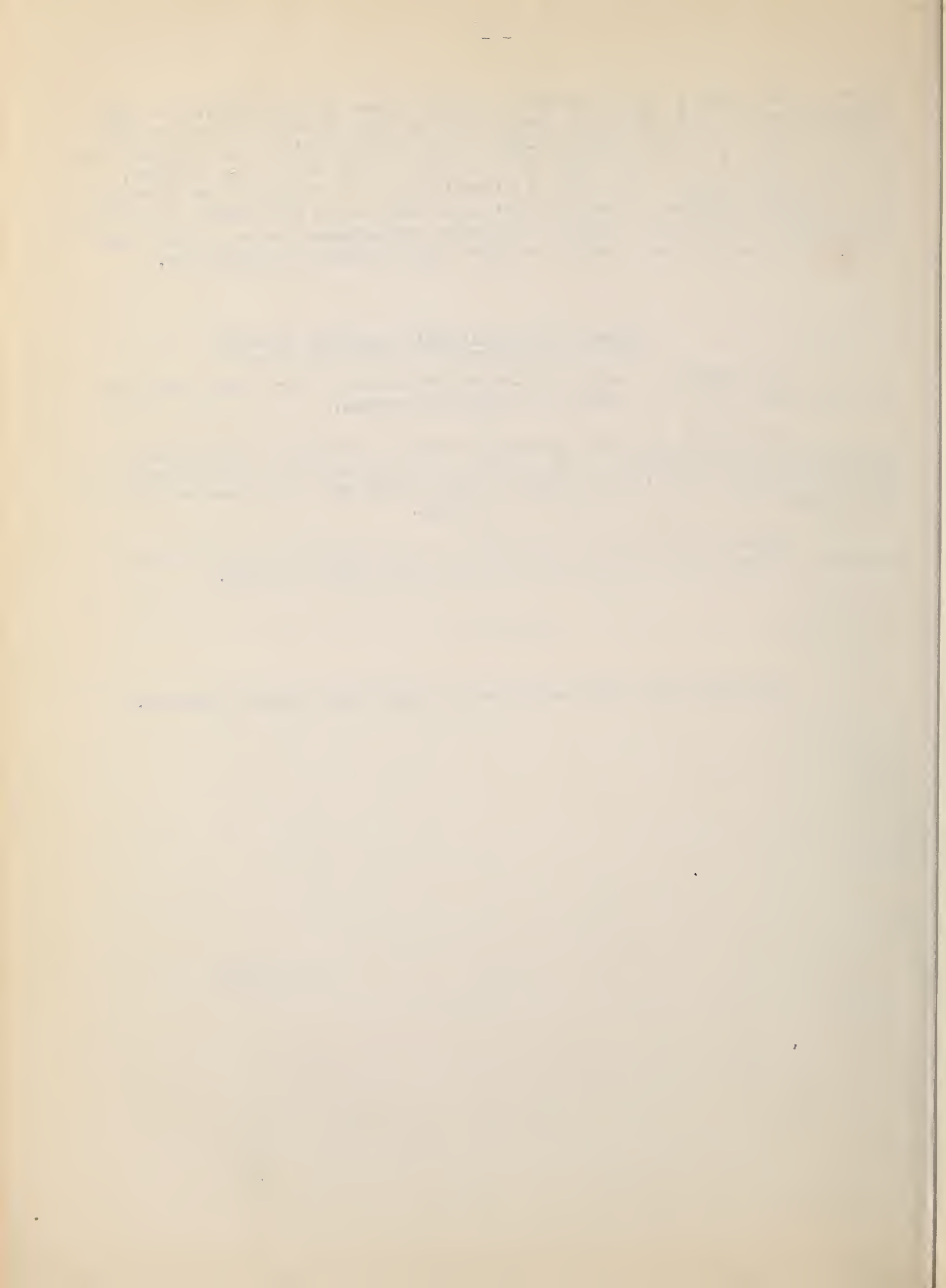
On January 2d the Agricultural Economics Library staff welcomed Miss Lacy back after an absence of nearly two months.

Miss Maude E. Norup, formerly with the Fruits and Vegetables Division has been assigned to the Library for three months. She is assisting at the Periodical Desk in the place of Miss Wright who is now assisting Miss Jacobs with the indexing and cataloguing.

Page proof of the Bibliography on the Marketing of Agricultural Products (Miscellaneous Circular No. 35) has just been received.

No other news items have been reported from bureau libraries.

E.G.Hopper.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1924.

MEMORANDUM NO. 512

Publication Work.

1. Dr. Melvin C. Merrill is transferred from the position of Director of Research Publications in the Forest Service to the Division of Publications, Office of the Secretary, as Assistant Director of Publications, in charge of Scientific and Technical Manuscripts. In this position, under the Director of Publications, Dr. Merrill will have charge of the editing and scheme of distribution of all of the scientific and technical publications of the Department. He will cooperate with the Director of Scientific Work and the scientific staff of the Department to bring about the greatest efficiency and economy in the presentation of the progress and results of scientific work.

2. (a) In order that he may be able to devote more time to the associate direction of the work of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Dr. Karl F. Kellerman has asked that he be relieved from duty as a member of the Committee on the Journal of Agricultural Research. Dr. C. L. Shear of the Bureau of Plant Industry accordingly is appointed as a member of the committee to succeed Dr. Kellerman. Dr. E. W. Allen, who is at present a member of the committee, is appointed to succeed Dr. Kellerman as chairman. The present Committee on the Journal of Agricultural Research therefore consists of Dr. E. W. Allen, Office of Experiment Stations, Chairman; Dr. C. L. Marlatt, Bureau of Entomology; and Dr. C. L. Shear, Bureau of Plant Industry.

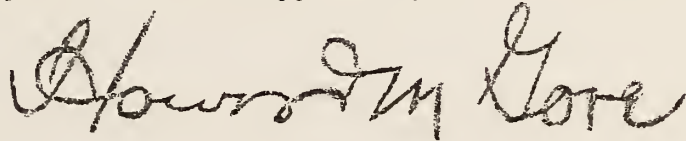
(b) The editorship of the Journal of Agricultural Research is transferred from the Bureau of Plant Industry to the Division of Publications, Office of the Secretary. The Director of Publications will arrange with the bureaus concerned for the proper budgeting of the expense incurred in editing the journal if it is found that the entire expense cannot be met from the funds of the publications branch.

(c) Manuscripts presented by the experiment stations will be approved by the Journal Committee appointed by the Association of Land Grant Colleges. Manuscripts presented from the several bureaus of the Department of Agriculture will be approved for publication by the Journal Committee appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, as in the past, but the final editing of all manuscripts will be handled in the Division of Publications.

3. (a) An advisory committee on policy with respect to all scientific publications of the Department is hereby created, to consist of the Director of Scientific Work, the Director and Assistant Director of Publications, and the three members of the Committee on the Journal of Agricultural Research. This committee will advise the Secretary with respect to important matters of policy involving the scientific publications.

(b) A similar committee is created with respect to all Extension publications, to consist of the Director of Extension Work, the Director of Publications, and Dr. C. B. Smith and Mr. R. Brigham, of the Office of Extension Work.

(c) A similar committee is created with respect to all regulatory publications, to consist of the Director of Regulatory Work, the Director of Publications, Mr. W. C. Henderson, Bureau of Biological Survey, and Mr. P. D. Cronin, of the Office of the Solicitor.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Howard M. Gore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'H'.

Secretary.

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A new appointment in the Department Library is that of Mr. I. W. Perkins, as library aid. Mr. Perkins is helping with the records at the Loan Desk, releasing Mrs. Simmons so that she can give more assistance in looking up requests and charging books. Mrs. Joseph has very kindly been helping at the Loan Desk for a day each week, while Miss Bishop has attended to work with the mailing lists.

Mr. Henley is assisting at the Periodical Desk with the records of current periodicals.

The Library recently received from a New York library, a request for the loan of a journal called Ebenda, which the writer said she had been unable to find in any lists and which contained a reference some one was anxious to see. We wrote back as tactfully as we could that this was merely the German for our old friend Ibid, and that if she would consult the preceding reference she would find the name of the journal. This is one of the incidents that add interest to one's work and of course a little time was spent in telling other people about it. It appeared that the term was unfamiliar also to many of the staff, and that it might be profitable to call attention to it, lest some of us be likewise caught napping. The budding young scientists of the Department, as well as some of the older ones, are not unlikely to give such citations.

Miss Williamson is now spending half of her time in the Catalogue Division where she assists Miss Thompson, the other half still being in the Periodical Division.

Miss Hawks is expecting to sail for Europe on March 10th to be gone until about June 7th. The trip is entirely for pleasure.

A letter just received from the librarian of the Kansas State Agricultural College says: "As you probably have noticed, our President Jardine is to be Secretary of Agriculture and I trust that you will find relations with him there as pleasant as we have in this library. Through his efforts we will, I think, get the grant of a new library building from our legislature now in session."

The Japanese and Chinese collections have been moved from Mr. Swingle's office in Bureau of Plant Industry to the basement of the main Library. They are filed in the wooden cases in the southwest corner beyond the documents, with the Chinese and Japanese in separate files. We hope in time to publish a mimeographed list of the Japanese publications as a library bulletin, compiled by Mr. Yoshikawa, of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

The first of these is the question of the origin of the human race. It is generally admitted that the human race is of African origin, and that it has spread from Africa to all other parts of the world. The second question is the question of the development of the human race. It is generally admitted that the human race has developed from a lower to a higher stage, and that it has done so in a regular and orderly manner.

The third question is the question of the future of the human race. It is generally admitted that the human race will continue to develop, and that it will do so in a regular and orderly manner.

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Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Miss Olcott has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in New Haven and Reading, during which she visited several libraries.

The library staff has been depleted the past week or two by the absence of Miss Grans for a week and others for shorter periods on account of illness. Miss Horup, who was detailed to the library from the clerical pool, has accepted a probationary appointment in the Fruits and Vegetables Division and her place has not been filled.

A count of books and periodicals circulated, and special requests answered, has been kept for the past three months. This shows a total of approximately 5,000 books and requests handled at the Loan Desk and 15,700 periodicals and requests at the Periodical Desk. At this rate the total for both desks for the year would be over 80,000.

Beginning with the January number of the Library Supplement to the B.A.E. News, a change has been made in the character of the contents. The bibliographies which have been the most prominent feature will not longer appear there but instead they will be issued in a numbered, mimeographed series called "Agricultural Economics Bibliographies". The first number of this new series, entitled "Agricultural Economics -- A Selected List of References", has been issued. The Library Supplement hereafter will contain items of more general interest.

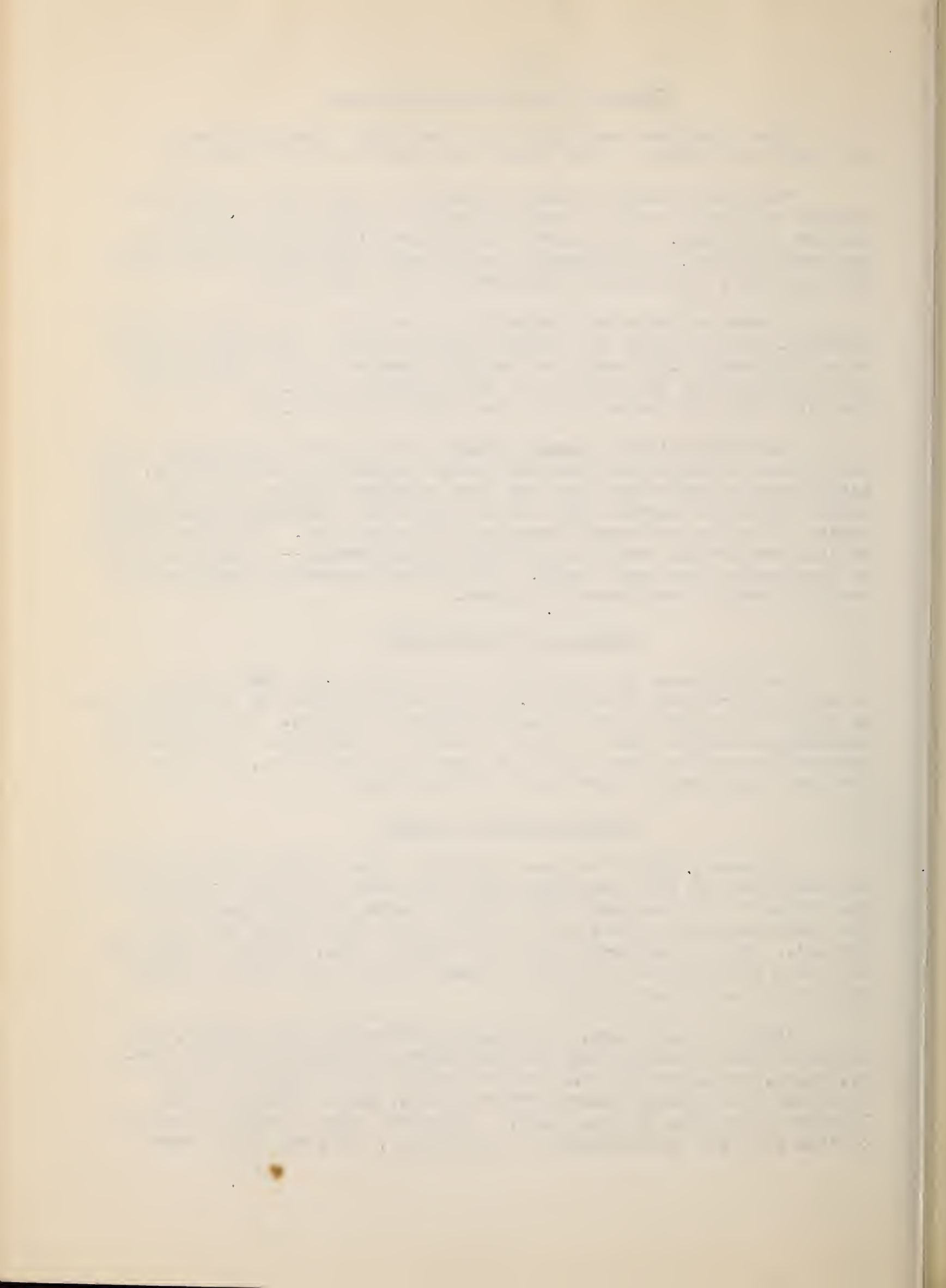
Bureau of Home Economics

The only news from the Bureau of Home Economics is that of a rapidly increasing circulation. From February 1-17, we have circulated as many books as we did in the entire month of January. In January our circulation doubled that of either November or December. Therefore, an increasing amount of time has to be spent on current work, and there is less and less time for such tasks as cataloguing.

Bureau of Plant Industry

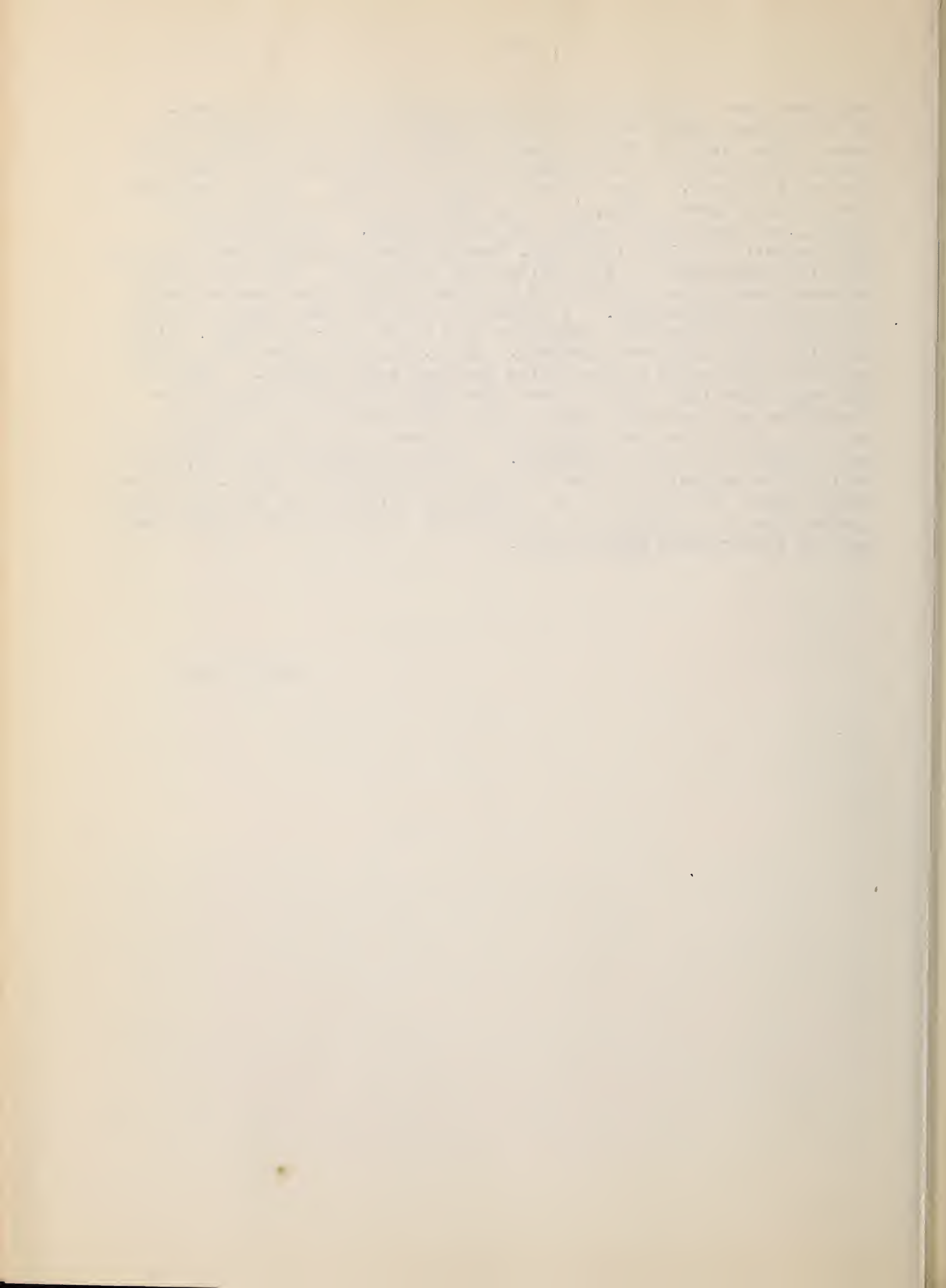
On January 16th, when the editorial office of the Journal of Agricultural Research was transferred from the Bureau of Plant Industry to the Office of Publications, this library ceased to be responsible for the verification of citations to literature in manuscripts for the Journal. By an arrangement with Publications, Mrs. Joseph is handling this work for them, and in between times assists with Bureau of Plant Industry or main Library work.

About two weeks ago, in cooperation with the main Library, the Bureau of Plant Industry made an experiment in library extension work. Dr. Edson, who succeeded Dr. Orton as head of the Office of Cotton, Truck and Forage Crop Disease Investigations, made a plea for some library instruction for his staff. He stated that he didn't think any of them knew all the resources of the Library, and some of the newer



employees knew little about the library service they could expect. So arrangements were made for a meeting and the staff of that office came to the Bureau of Plant Industry library where Miss Barnett, Miss Atwood and Miss Allen told something of the organization and work of the two libraries. About fifteen people attended. These were later divided into three groups, one group being clerical workers of the office, and were shown through the main library. They visited Miss Barnett's office, loan desk, reading room and periodical division, also the arrangement of the shelves was explained. The scientific workers spent quite a portion of the time at the botany catalog which Miss Atwood demonstrated. A number of questions were asked in both libraries and instead of taking one hour as we had anticipated, rather more than two hours were consumed. As Dr. Edson has been away, full reports of the value to the office have not been received. Some of the men stated that they acquired much interesting and valuable information; some evidently were rather overwhelmed by the multitude of things told them, but stated that at least they would remember where and to whom to go for information. If they remember that much, and we take the suggestions given by some of the questions asked, the time spent should be worth while to the library service. If any more such instruction is attempted, it is hoped that it can be more systematized and the time reduced considerably.

Esther Colvin

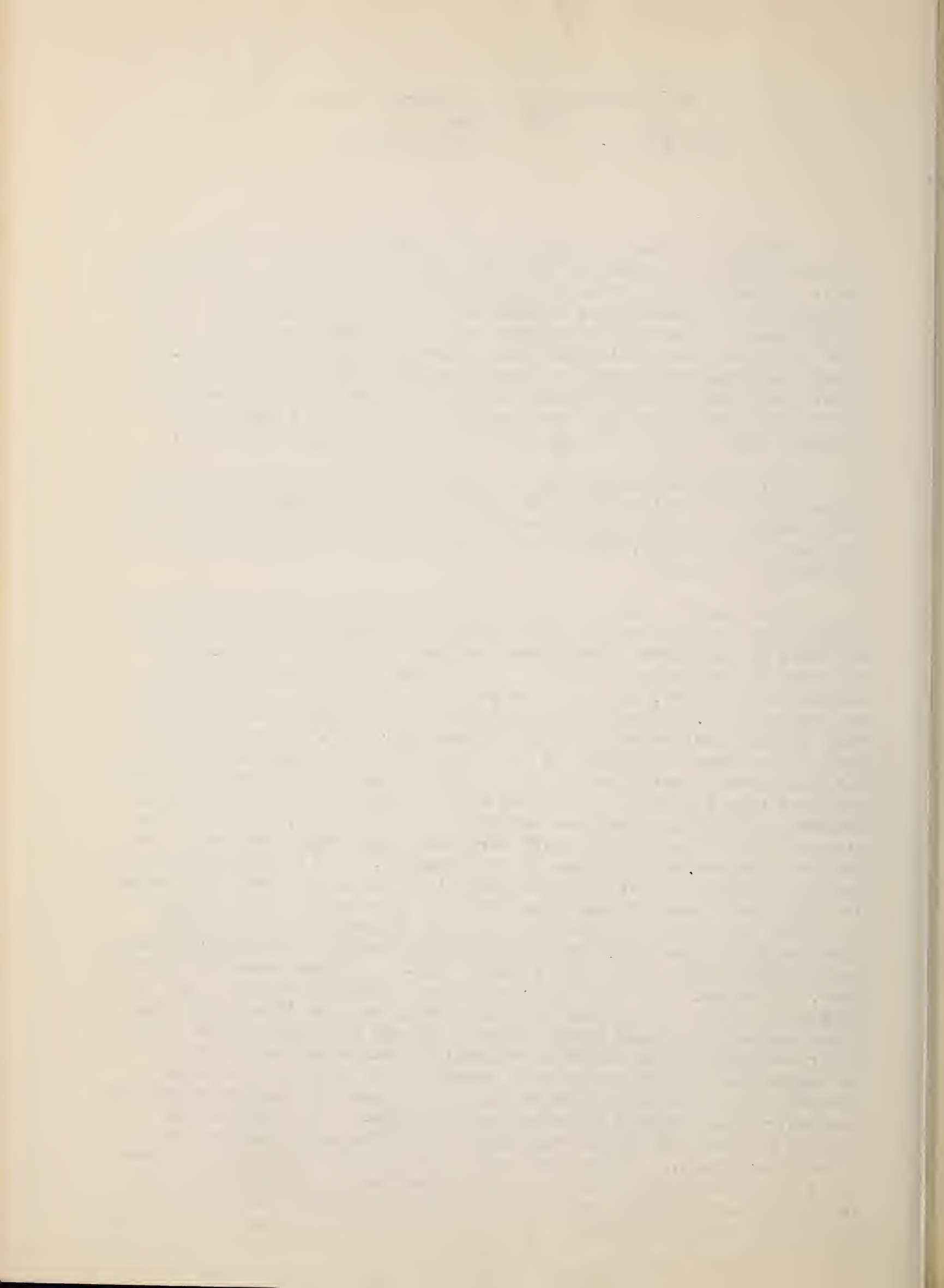


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While Miss Hawks is away from the Library, Miss Thompson will take her place, at least for the first part of the time, in the Reading Room. Miss Rien will also be in there for the greater part of the day, so that Miss Thompson hopes to have time for some of her usual tasks, though many of them will be passed on to Miss Katherine Upton, whom Miss Davis and Miss Trolinger will relieve of some of her duties. It is hoped that Miss Bishop can be spared from the Loan Desk to assist at least part time in the Catalogue Division, whose staff is thus depleted. As Miss Williamson is also spending part of her time there, it is expected that the work will be carried on without any difficulty.

Mr. Smallwood is putting in order the collection of catalogues of agricultural implements which has been in a neglected state for a good while past. It is a collection that we should keep up and have ready for easy consultation, and we feel that it will be a great help to have it properly arranged.

You remember that at the last staff meeting there was talk of an arrangement being made with the Library of Congress for the borrowing of books by the bureau librarians, instead of having such loans go through the Department Library. The bureau librarians were willing to undertake this work, but when the proposition was made to the Library of Congress, Mr. Ashley felt that he could not consent to it, saying, very justly, that while it would decrease our work, it would increase theirs, and that their work in this connection was heavy even now. In one way it was a satisfaction to us to know that the Library of Congress realizes that the work done by the main Library in verifying titles, authors, citations, etc., was helpful, for Miss Hawks, Miss Upton and others of the main Library staff certainly spend much time on it, and many are the errors that have to be corrected. It is realized that the bureau libraries do not have the facilities for doing this work (except in their own special lines) that the main Library has, but anything that they can do to make requests correct and definite, any gentle questioning of the inquirer for approximate dates, place where he saw the citation, etc., will help a great deal. All the bureau librarians know, of course, that we borrow from other libraries only for use in Department work. In former days we used to ask for loans from other libraries only in cases where definite request was made that we do so, after the publication had been reported as not in our own Library. So spoiled are our borrowers now, however, that most of them seem to consider it a distinct grievance if the city has not been canvassed for the desired book before report is made to them. We feel that we perhaps ask for some loans that might be eliminated as unimportant if inquiry were made. Would the bureau librarians think it wise to send out a circular letter explaining the situation and proposing that we ask from other libraries only after a definite request from the person who wishes to use the book? It would also aid very much our Loan Desk



if books borrowed from other libraries could be gathered in more promptly or, at least, if answers could be made promptly to overdue notices. We hesitate to suggest any keeping of time records by the bureau librarians, since we have to do that anyway, but if they could all reply quite promptly, as most of them do, when the notices are sent to them it would help matters along considerably.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Miss Mary E. Martin has been given a temporary appointment as Under Library Assistant and will assist at the Periodical Desk for the present.

The bibliography on the Literature of Rural Life is being re-printed as no. 3 of the Agricultural Economics Bibliographies series.

Miss Jacobs has recently been taking an intensive course in practical Spanish and incidentally enjoying an atmosphere steeped in glory and tobacco smoke. She has been listing the books and pamphlets collected by Mr. Estabrook during his stay in South America, some of which may be presented to the library. As Mr. Estabrook has been chosen by the International Institute of Agriculture to take charge of the World Census of Agriculture in 1930, his office has been a mecca for reporters looking for "scoops".

Congressional attempts to pass a cooperative marketing bill have kept the legislative assistants jumping. After introducing an average of one bill a day on the subject for a week or more the House reported what was known as the Haugen bill. Smooth sailing so far. But on the floor of the House, Mr. Dickinson amended the Haugen bill by cutting it all out and substituting his bill which was passed by the House. After that any one asking for the Dickinson bill had to specify the number or say whether he wanted the Dickinson bill as introduced or the Haugen bill as passed for the assistants were all confused as to the name of the bill that passed. Their trouble are over now for the Senate allowed it to die. No cooperative marketing bill passed during this Congress, nor any export corporation bill.

H. T. Shively.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the existence of solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the system has solutions for all values of the parameters α and β if the function $f(x)$ is continuous and has a bounded derivative. The second part of the paper is devoted to a detailed study of the properties of the solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions of the system of equations (1) are unique and depend continuously on the parameters α and β . The third part of the paper is devoted to a study of the asymptotic properties of the solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions of the system of equations (1) have the asymptotic properties of the solutions of the system of equations (2) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . The fourth part of the paper is devoted to a study of the stability properties of the solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions of the system of equations (1) are stable for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . The fifth part of the paper is devoted to a study of the bifurcation properties of the solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions of the system of equations (1) have bifurcation properties for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . The sixth part of the paper is devoted to a study of the qualitative properties of the solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions of the system of equations (1) have qualitative properties for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . The seventh part of the paper is devoted to a study of the numerical properties of the solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions of the system of equations (1) have numerical properties for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . The eighth part of the paper is devoted to a study of the analytical properties of the solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions of the system of equations (1) have analytical properties for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . The ninth part of the paper is devoted to a study of the topological properties of the solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions of the system of equations (1) have topological properties for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . The tenth part of the paper is devoted to a study of the geometric properties of the solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions of the system of equations (1) have geometric properties for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β .

U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

Newsletter

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Miss Barnett attended on March 2d a luncheon given by the Bureau chiefs to the retiring Secretary, Mr. Gore. As the one large table was not sufficient to accomodate all the guests a small table seating four guests was provided. Miss Barnett and Dr. Stanley being the only ladies present, with becoming modesty they at once seated themselves at the small table in the alcove.

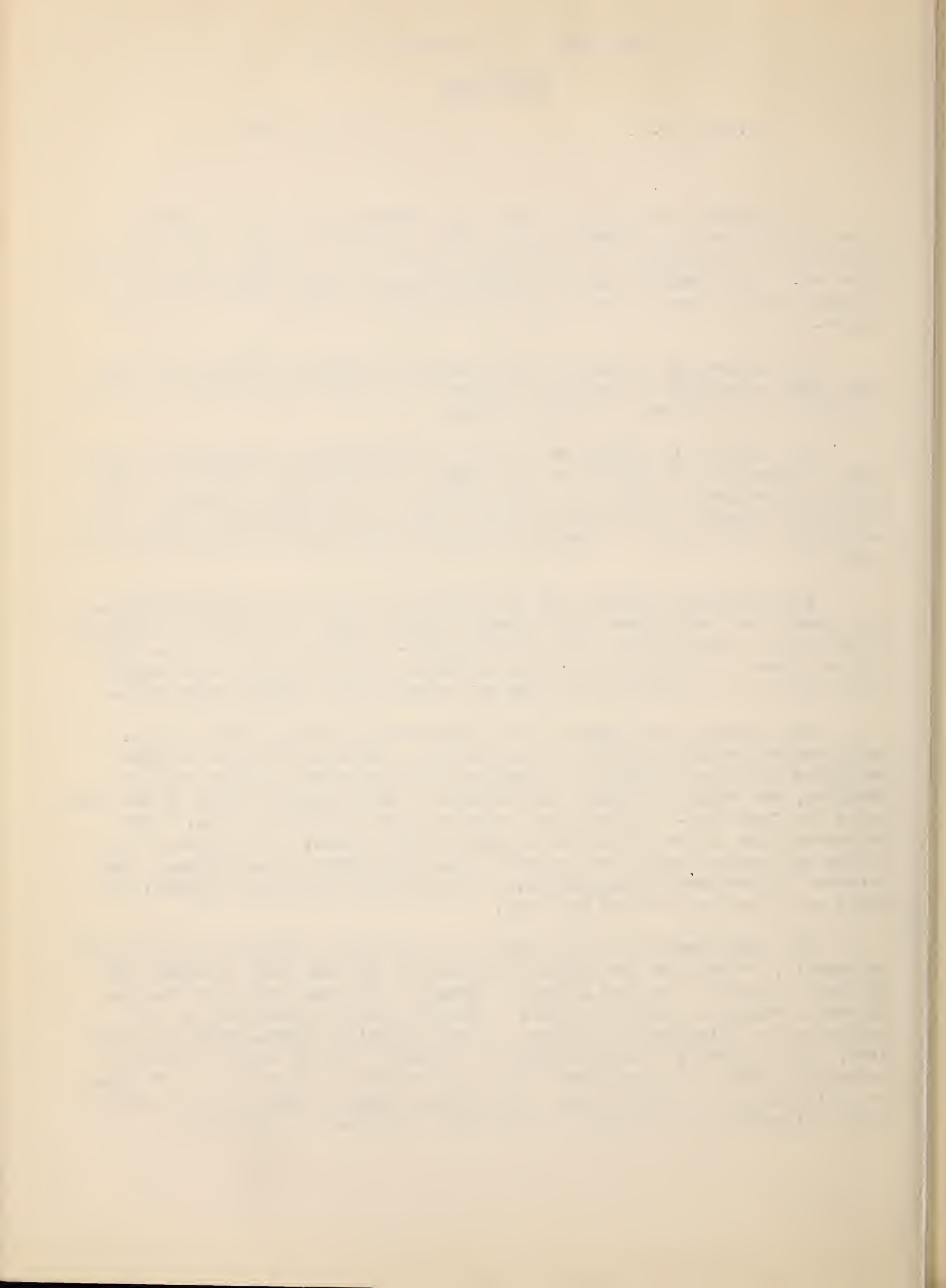
The Department Library is anticipating a wedding on April 27th when Miss Sager expects to become Mrs. Eichner. We hope, however, that she will continue to look after our correspondence.

The Library is launching out into a new branch of literature, having just purchased at the request of the Bureau of Dairying the following sweet little kindergarten songs: "How food helps me to be good", "Dance of the vitamines", "March of the milk bottles", "Song of the milkman", "Milk train", and "Milk, the builder". These, however, do not appear in the Library catalogue.

Miss Thompson recently had an inquiry from an agricultural librarian, who spent a few weeks here, as to where a "color card" for use in classifying books and in shelf-listing, might be obtained. She said the A. L. A. could not tell her. Fortunately, she had attached a slip of paper as a sample, from which it was deducted that what she wanted was a Cutter order table.

The Library lays claim to the distinction of having on its staff, the champion Marathon runner of the D.C.L.A. About a week ago, a representative from the Volunteers of America, a person with whom you are all familiar, was standing before the entrance. Miss Bishop, coming up the walk, spied him from afar. As she came even with him she began to run. The representative of the Volunteers of America gave chase. Miss Bishop ran faster and arrived breathless at the door, her pursuer close behind. Deep interest was evinced by passers-by. The race was won by Miss Bishop, who waved away the card the man held out.

The news from most of the bureau libraries has evidently been delayed in transit, or perhaps the omission was due to the fact that we asked for amusing incidents. As one librarian remarked, "Nothing funny ever happens in our library; all we do is work". Judging from the exclamations that came over the telephone in response to our request, for news, funny or otherwise, "Life is real, life is earnest" for some of us. We had not realized before that some of us had such modest and retiring dispositions. We hope you will pardon the digression. Like Vice-President Dawes, we are seizing what will probably be our only opportunity to express our opinions.



Bureau of plant industry

The Bureau of Plant Industry library is having labor troubles, though a strike does not seem imminent. The library employs one messenger girl, who is usually the most ornamental member of the staff. She keeps us in touch with the latest fashions and in general keeps life from becoming monotonous. When our boy is away she rarely has to carry many books or periodicals, the bureau and main library boys voluntarily relieving her of heavy work. The present incumbent, Alice Tolson, will be transferred next week to one of the offices of the bureau. It is reported that one of her duties will be to entertain visitors who come to the office, for which she is well adapted. Her successor, Evelyn Thompson, promises to be quite as ornamental. She applied for the position attired in a red coat and black hat with red rose on top. The conference was held at the main Library and it is understood that the boys there have already shown considerable interest.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Miss Lacy reports that the endeavor of her library to keep files of periodical reports, especially dailies, up to date is occasionally enlivened by such letters as the following from Boston: "Thursday, February 28, 1924, was on Saturday, and we issue no report on Saturday."

Office of Experiment Stations

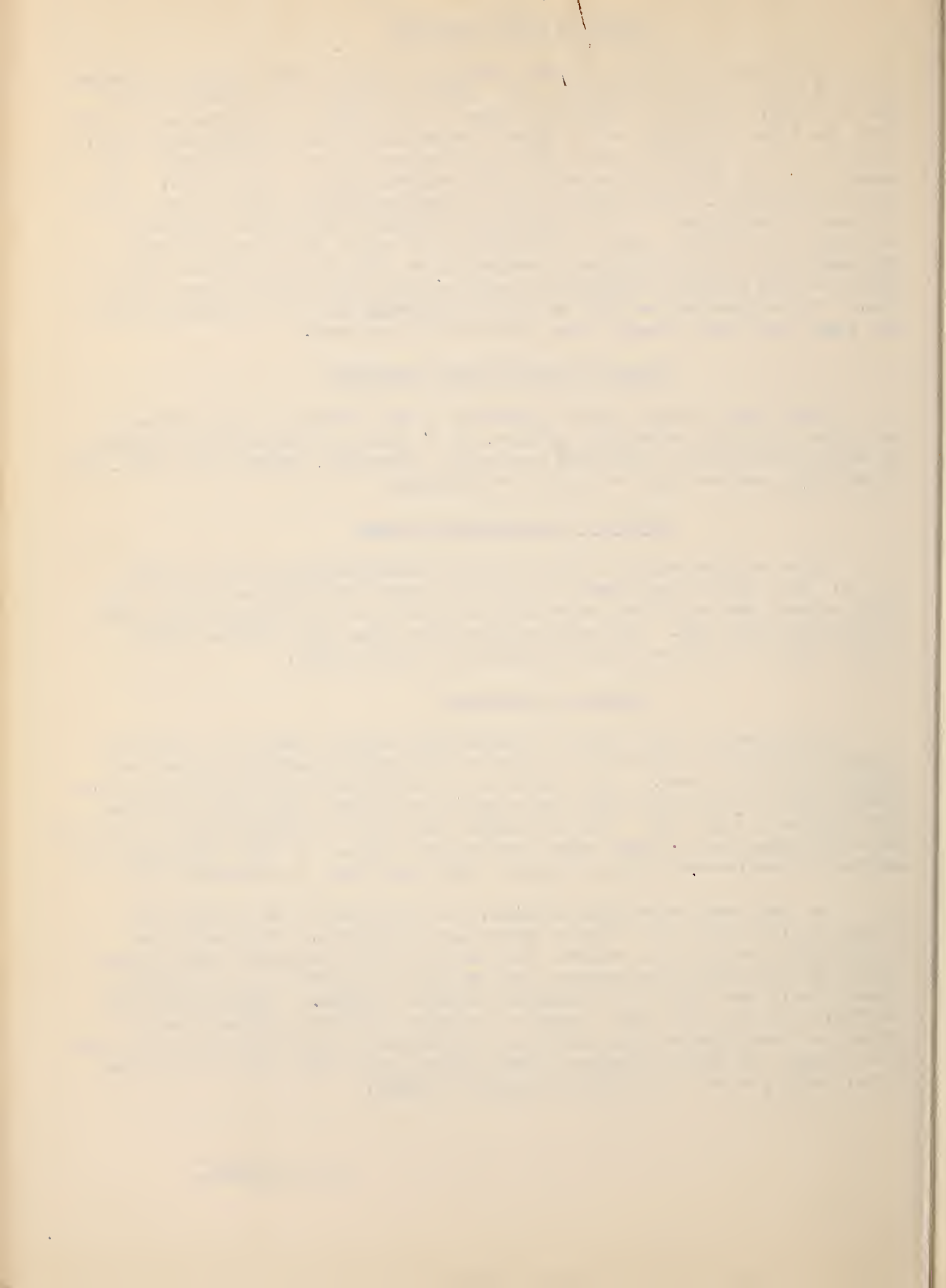
Miss Gericke reports that she has no accomplishments and no parlor tricks. She can neither speak nor sing (at least while singing she can not carry a tune) and as old age approaches she has even forgotten all the funny stories she ever knew. We hope that some one gives Miss Gericke either a joke book or a book on public speaking for her birthday.

Bureau of Entomology

The library of the Bureau of Entomology reports itself in a state of frenzied activity. Index III to American Economic Entomology reached the copying stage last week. In a burst of unprecedented enthusiasm, the Bureau turned over to the library with one magnificent gesture eight stenographers and copyists for the job. The librarian feels like a combination of a hen with twelve chickens and a mother robin feeding her brood. If said librarian and said brood survive and nothing happens, they may finish it by March 14th.

As some here present may realize, the new room for our library was fitted out last fall with Library Bureau metal shelving. The result has so bewitched the official tailors that they have been detected running about in our old room with tape-measures, and we hope to startle the fashionable library world ere long with a complete ensemble costume. Remembering that the "Mills of the Gods grind slowly but surely" and that fashions come in cycles, we look forward with the eyes of faith and believe that though we fail this spring, the budding summer of some future year, even though it be eons hence, shall yet see our library properly costumed.

L.B. Williamson.



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Newsletter

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April 17, 1925

Several letters and postcards from Miss Hawks have been received in the past two weeks. She is now in the south of France and is evidently having a most enjoyable time.

Miss Chandler, Head of the Catalogue Division of the Buffalo Public Library, visited this Library a few days ago. We were interested to hear from her that the Periodical Division of that library had adopted as its motto "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Our Periodical Division is thinking of adopting the same motto in view of the recent generosity of the Library of Congress. That library is apparently clearing out some of its duplicates and as an expeditious way of getting rid of them it has presented to our Library, without solicitation on our part, two or three wagon loads of them. These were mostly serials and with the exception of two or three armsful were also, unfortunately, duplicates in our Library. In fact we were interested to find among them a number of duplicates which we ourselves sent to the Library of Congress several years ago in the old happy days when we could send all of our duplicates to them without listing.

The New York State Library School is to visit this Library on April 30th at 2 p. m. There will be between thirty and forty in the party.

Bureau of Entomology

Entomology reports that the manuscript of Index III to American Economic Entomology - 1588 typed sheets - was sent to Dr. E. P. Felt, state entomologist of New York, for editing on April fourth. Dr. Felt thinks the Index will be in the hands of the printer by May first and it is hoped it may be out in book form early in the summer.

The library's new Library Bureau metal shelving, installed in its new room last fall, has proven so satisfactory that awards have now been made the Library Bureau for reshelving the old library room. This means a very busy summer but it is hoped by fall the bureau library will be more conveniently and adequately equipped than ever before and that its staff may be able to settle down to some of the library projects time and turmoil have so long deferred.

Bureau of Home Economics

Cataloguing has come to a standstill temporarily, because of the collecting of material for two lengthy bibliographies that the bureau is working on. One is on anthropometry for Miss O'Brien's division of textiles and clothing, and the other is the meat bibliography which is eventually to be published as a department bulletin. It will be the cooperative work of several bureaus. Home Economics will contribute material on the quality of meat as affected by cooking.

Bureau of Public Roads

Miss Evans is on a vacation trip to Florida. She returns next Monday. A post card from her says that she has just had her first glimpse of southern moss and palmettos.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Bibliographies prepared in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics are being issued in a new series entitled "Agricultural Economics Bibliographies". Four numbers have thus far appeared, as follows:

1. Agricultural economics
2. Flour milling and bread making
3. A beginning of a bibliography of the literature
of rural life.
4. Price spreads.

These bibliographies are selective and not necessarily comprehensive. The idea in presenting this series has been to make bibliographical work in progress available as promptly as possible. Revisions of the lists, brought up to date, will be issued from time to time under the same title and series number. In this series will also be put material which may later be combined and issued as a comprehensive bibliography such as compose the Bibliographical Contributions of the Department Library. As indicative of this type of work, a bibliography on the cost of production of agricultural commodities is in process of preparation. Two sections, one on sugar and one on milk, have already been issued in the Library Supplement to the B.A.E. News. It is planned to put these sections into the bibliographical series when they are revised, and it is hoped that when a sufficient number of commodities have been covered the sections may be combined and issued as a Bibliographical Contribution.

Charts showing the use of the library by the Divisions of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics have appeared in the last two issues of the B.A.E. News. The first one showed the use of the library by each division as a whole and the second the per capita use in each division, both charts being based on the circulation of books and periodicals in November, December and January, 1924-25. The charts show a range of use from an average of about 19 books and 77 periodicals per capita, or a total of 1700 books and 7000 periodicals, in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, to an average of one book and one periodical per capita, or a total of 187 books and 139 periodicals, in the administrative offices. In these issues of the B.A.E. News there is also given a description of the work at the periodical desk and at the loan desk, with suggestions as to how those who use the library may facilitate the work.

Miss Jessie Ham, who has charge of the foreign files of the library, is spending the month of April at her home in Birmingham, Alabama.

Miscellaneous Circular no. 35, Bibliography on the Marketing of Agricultural Products, which is a revision of Bibliographical Contribution no. 7, is just off the press and a supply is available for distribution.

The list of books on flour milling and bread making which was recently issued as Part I of Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 2, has been reprinted by the Northwestern Miller in the issue for April 8, 1925.

Prepared by E.T.Shively

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May 18 & June 18, 1925

Miss Hawks arrived in New York on June 9th and received a hearty welcome in the Library the following day.

The Library matrimonial bureau reports two weddings down and one to go!

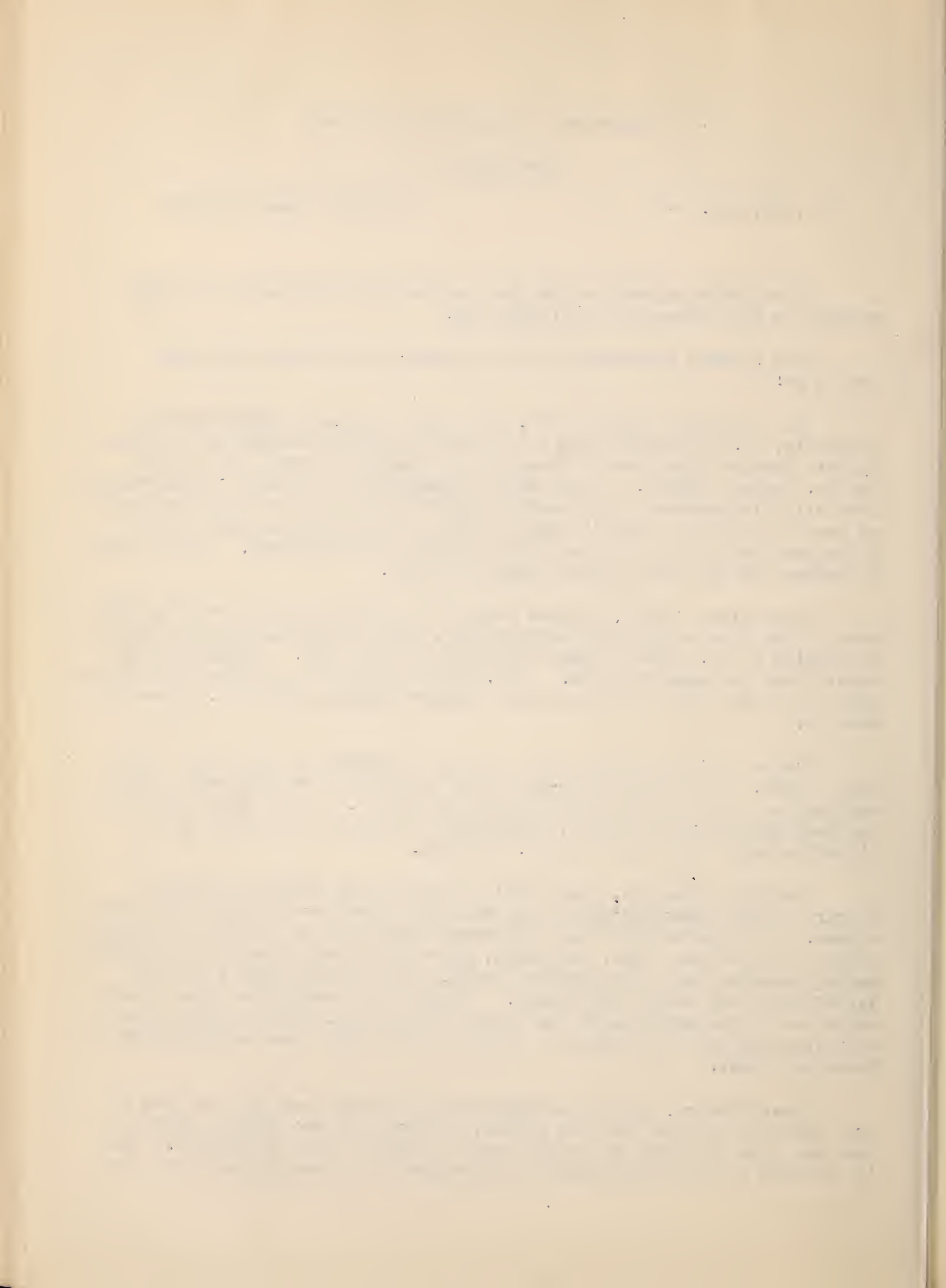
On the night of April 27th, the staff in general toured through Anacostia, St. Elizabeth's and points east, finally reaching the Congress Heights Baptist Church and witnessing the wedding of Miss Jewell Sager and Mr. Lester Eichner. Miss Sager, having been the Beauty Representative from all this handsome Department of Agriculture at the Follies last year, we know you will not term it bragging when we say that one look at the bride was worth all the perils and hardships of the journey. We are glad to number the new Mrs. Eichner among our staff.

Miss Alice Hudson, who had been in the Library since October, 1924, most of the time at the Continuation Desk, left us the last part of May to be married to Mr. Robert Witwer in Madison on May 27th. Announcements report that the deed was done. Mrs. Witwer expects to continue in library work but in the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, where Mr. Witwer's work is.

We are still holding a bit of rice in reserve for our fall bride, Miss Bishop. If the groom-to-be visits our Library as frequently after marriage as before we shall have ample use for it. This will probably be the case because Miss Bishop is planning to continue her career as a librarian under the status of Mrs. Waterman.

Socially speaking, Miss Bien's party for the staff of the main Library on the first pay-day in May was the biggest event which Miss Hawks missed. Our plutocratic staff delivered themselves at the Bien residence in their own various cars, and there, reports of staff appetites evidently having preceded the aforementioned staff, were fed and fêted in a most satisfactory and comforting manner. During the evening Miss Bien checked up on our characteristics by the light of the stars, hitting some of us so truthfully that we shudder to think what she might have accomplished in broad day light.

Mrs. Simmons, who had a temporary appointment and who has been at the Loan Desk for the last six months, decided that she did not wish to have her time extended, but would stay at home and rest for awhile. She is reported to be as enthusiastically engaged in housework as she was in



library work when she was here. She is expected to work in the B. A. I. library during July while Miss Walton is away. Miss Margaret M. Arthur, appointed Under Library Assistant for the month of June, is assisting at the Loan Desk. Mr. Perkins, formerly at that desk, is now in the Periodical Division. Mr. Patterson, who at several different time has been an assistant in the Periodical Division, has this last year been working in the Merchant Marine, U. S. Lines, as a seaman, and says he likes it better than anything he has done before. He did not except library work. Miss G. E. Upton has had her tonsils removed and Miss F. W. Thompson, recently has had a similar operation. Miss Thompson is not yet feeling comfortable.

Library Meetings

The Department will be represented at the A. L. A. by Miss Lacy, who is chairman this year of the Agricultural Libraries Section, Miss Wilkins and Miss Hull, all of whom will take the post-conference trip to Alaska.

Miss Gericke expects to attend the meeting of the Special Libraries Association at Swampscott June 23-26.

Foreign Travel

Several of our staff will go abroad this summer. Miss K. G. Upton will leave for Norway and Sweden on July 10th; Miss Atwood for Jamaica the first of July; Mrs. Hannay will travel in Europe and spend about two weeks of her time on official work; Miss Carpenter is going to England; and Miss Gill has already left for Spain. Apparently Miss Hawks started the ball rolling this year.

Miss Day of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics will attend the summer school at the University of Wisconsin.

Miss E. Lucy Ogden, since her resignation as Librarian of the States Relations Service, has been back several summers to help us during the vacation periods. We are very glad to have her with us again this summer for the months of June and July. She is now engaged in filling out the questionnaire of the A. L. A. Library Survey. The information asked for in the questionnaire is most detailed and troublesome to collect but when finally in shape it is believed it will be quite useful and informing. Some of the material Miss Barnett may include in the Annual Report of the Library. The information about the various catalogues in the main Library and the bureau libraries will be incorporated in the Handbook of the Library which it is hoped may be issued in the near future.

Mrs. Nell W. Smallwood has been appointed as an assistant in the Bureau of Dairying Library. Mrs. Smallwood received her training in the University of Missouri and worked both with the Missouri State Library Commission and in the Hardin College Library. She was also employed in Michigan in the Kalamazee Public Library.

Miss Feldkamp who had planned to take her vacation this week, was called home by the sudden illness and death of her father.

Mrs. Edmonds is also away from the O.E.S. library, having suffered the mishap of breaking one of the small bones of her foot.

The New York State Library School, with 45 in the party, visited the Library on the afternoon of April 30th, assembling at the Motion Picture Laboratory where Miss Barnett gave a brief outline of the history and activities of the Library, and two films were shown. The members of the party were then divided into groups and shown about the Library, one of the groups visiting besides, the library of Agricultural Economics, and one that of Entomology.

A recent visitor to the Library was the Librarian of the Veterinary College at Budapest, who says that they have a collection of about 30,000 volumes on veterinary medicine. He has promised to help us in completing our files of Hungarian publications. His library is greatly hampered by the low purchasing power of their currency and decreased funds and has been obliged to discontinue subscribing to many journals.

The Library of the Bureau of Entomology is at present in a state of up-heaval. One room of the Library is being repainted, a new floor is being laid, and new steel shelves are being installed.

Two bibliographies have recently been finished by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library and are in process of being mimeographed. One is on long-time agricultural programs in the United States, prepared by Miss Lacy, and is to be Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 5. The other is on the World Food Supply which was compiled by Miss Margaret T. Olcott and is to be issued as Bibliographical Contribution no. 9 of the Department Library.

The Bureau of Plant Industry Library has had in preparation for some months an "Author and Subject Index to the Publications on Plant Pathology issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture up to January 1, 1925". The entries for this index were for the most part taken from the plant pathology subject catalog in charge of Miss Atwood, who helped very much in the preparation of the index. This publication will appear as No. 8 of the Bibliographical Contribution series. It is now being mimeographed and will be ready for distribution about July 1st. A memorandum was circulated to plant pathologists announcing the index and about 1200 advance requests have been received.

The Bureau of Home Economics Library has been presented with seventy-five volumes of "Women's wear", a New York daily, covering dress and fashions in women's wear, published by the Fairchild Publishing Co. The library expects to have new steel stacks in which to shelve them.

A change in the interest of economy of the main Library's time has recently been made in the procedure regarding mailing lists. While work with these lists is not strictly in the province of the Library, it is somewhat related because we receive some of the most valuable additions to the Library as exchanges for Department publications. Also, it has been easier for the Library to deal with and interpret foreign addresses than for the Division of Publications. Therefore it has been the rule that the bureaus send additions to and changes in their mailing lists first to the Library for comparison and verification, and transmission to the Division of Publications, which makes the changes and sends to the Library copies of the cards for filing in its consolidated list. If any glaring error or inconsistency should appear the Library would call attention to it, but in general it is now to be considered merely as a depository for the complete record of mailing lists.

The Library has recently received two publications worthy of special mention.- Mathew's Birds of Australia, an elaborate work issued in parts, has just published Supplement 4 which is part 1 of a Bibliography of the Birds of Australia. This gives full names and dates of authors and brief biographical information. The introduction contains the following, of special interest to us who have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Palmer speak: "I have also to thank Dr. Theodore S. Palmer, the erudite secretary of the American Ornithologists' Union, who knows more about the dates of birth and death and the full names (as well as the burial places) of the ornithologists of the world than any other man."

The Royal Society of London. Catalogue of Scientific Papers is now completed with vol. 19. This is an author list of the scientific papers of the century 1800 to 1900, a few subject volumes having been issued separately. It is continued by the International Catalogue of Scientific Literature which was annual and had both author and subject arrangements. The International Catalogue seems either to have been killed by the war or at least to have been severely injured, as no volume has been issued since that for 1914.

Prepared by H. M. Thompson.

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Judging by the small number of news items we have, the libraries of our Department are busily but uneventfully occupied, now that vacations are, for the most part, in the past.

There have been some changes in the main Library. Miss Meriwether left the Catalogue Division July 31, 1925 to become librarian of the Veterans hospital at Dwight, Illinois. Miss Shearer has gone abroad for three months which will be spent chiefly in Paris. As was foretold in our last news letter, Miss Bishop became Mrs. Henry C. Waterman July 30, at her home in Guilford, Conn., returning to the Loan desk a month later. Miss Helen V. Barnes of Purdue university and the Illinois state library school, was assistant at the Loan desk from July 1 to Sept. 30. William Ten Eyck left the Periodical division in July for a clerkship in the Bureau of Public Roads. Since his departure, Joseph Canavin has been working half time at his desk and half at his own work in the Bindery. As a result, work with binders is somewhat in arrears. Mrs. Sullivan is now at the Continuation desk for most of her time.

The Loan desk pigeon holes have been added to, rearranged, numbered and relettered in the hope that they will be easier to use.

Mrs. H.C. Marshall who, as Miss Mary Griffiths, was for some time in the library of the Bureau of Markets, died July 25.

Annual reports of the Bureaus this year will be very brief. The Secretary had thought of omitting them altogether but has decided to print them, only in shortened form.

As all of you, we hope, know, the District of Columbia Library Association holds a meeting at Annapolis Saturday, October 17. About nine have signified their intention of going and we hope there are others who are about to hand in their cards to Miss Hawks today or tomorrow. The success of the meeting depends largely on how large an attendance there is. The Commandant of the Naval Academy throws the whole place open to visiting librarians and will provide special guides to show them about. The library will be of particular interest.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Three bibliographies have been completed by the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics since June. Agricultural Economics Bibliography no.6, Aids to Writers and Editors, has appeared; no.7, Livestock Financing, and Bibliographical Contributions no.10, Refrigeration and Cold Storage, are being mimeographed.

The staff is nearly complete after the summer wanderings. Miss Lacy reports a good meeting of the A.L.A. and an enjoyable trip to Alaska.

Miss Gill and Miss Carpenter have returned from Europe and Miss Day is back from summer school at the University of Wisconsin.

The temporary members of the staff, Miss Martin and Miss Snoddy, left during the summer because of the termination of their appointments.

Bureau of Home Economics.

The Bureau of Home Economics boasts of 165 linear feet of new book shelving.

Many new research workers in the Bureau have added noticeably to the work of the library.

Bureau of Plant Industry.

Department of Agriculture Library Bibliographical Contribution no. 8 was issued in June and is now being distributed. It is an Author and Subject Index to the Publications on Plant Pathology issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture up to January 1, 1925, and is compiled by Miss Allen, Librarian of the Bureau.

Horticultural Investigations.

The card list of apple varieties made from notes gathered by Mr. A. A. Schenk and supplementing B.P.I. Bulletin 56, published in 1905, has been completed through the letter O. Owing to Mr. Schenk's absence from the city the work has been temporarily discontinued. It will be resumed upon his return from California, one year hence. Mr. Schenk, a retired civil engineer, became interested, became interested some years ago, in the nomenclature of the apple. His untiring effort combined with opportunities for consulting pomological literature in various libraries, brings to his chosen subject a very valuable contribution.

The annual influx of bulb catalogs is well under way and the publications are much in demand. The goodly showing of foreign catalogs notwithstanding the quarantine ban on the wares they list, is very gratifying.

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November 19, 1925.

Two new appointments in the Department Library are Miss Muriel T. Tierney and Miss Margaret D. Ross, both of whom come to us from the Brown University Library, Providence, Rhode Island. They are graduates of Brown and have worked in the University Library for two and four years respectively. At present they are obtaining experience in the Catalogue Division.

Miss Trolinger left November 16th with her family to spend the winter in Florida where she expects to remain until the 1st of May. Mrs. Waterman is attending to the Department publications and Mrs. Wilks is filling in at the Loan Desk.

Miss Bien is now assisting in the Reference Room, instead of in the Periodical Division where she has been for several years.

A large delegation from the Department of Agriculture is hoped for for the District Library Association meeting to be held next Wednesday, November 25th. It is to be in the Children's Room (which is not yet in use) at the Mount Pleasant Branch of the Public Library, 16th and Lamont Streets. The speaker is Dr. John C. Merriam, President of the Carnegie Institution, whose subject will be "The meaning of history and its bearing on recent discussions of science in its relation to philosophical and religious thought". This should be equally interesting to your non-library friends. Bring them!

Miss Marjorie F. Warner, formerly of the Bureau of Plant Industry Library, stopped a short time in Washington last month on her way from her home in New Hampshire to Fairhope, Alabama, where she will spend the winter. Her friends enjoyed the opportunity of visiting with her and she advised with members of the library staff concerning work in which she was particularly interested while here.

Miss Esther M. Colvin was at home for some time in October on account of eye trouble and a tonsil operation. We are glad she is able to be back at work now and hope she will soon be as well as usual.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

A B.A.E. library log has been started in which each member of the staff keeps a record of work done each day. It is intended to have the log give a complete picture of the day's work in the library, showing the inquiries that come in and the work necessary to answer them, including the sources consulted, the place where the answer was found, and the time consumed, as well as showing the routine work of the various desks. From such a record it will be possible to include in the annual report a record of work which might otherwise be overlooked. The log has already proved valuable to the staff as showing the variety of work done in the Library, and, as it is

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open to the staff, in showing each one just what the others are doing. Miss Lacy finds it peculiarly useful in keeping her informed of all the work and in recording progress. She wonders why we did not start it before.

The meeting of the D. C. Library Association at Annapolis was attended by four members of the staff who report a most delightful trip and an interesting meeting.

Bibliographical Contributions no. 10 - Refrigeration and Cold Storage - has been received from the mimeograph section. Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 8 - The peach industry in the United States, a selected list of references on the economic aspects of the industry, including some references relating to Canada - is being mimeographed.

The Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has recently undertaken to examine periodicals in which certain of the men of the Bureau find occasional articles of interest and to send them such numbers only as contain articles which they wish to see. So far this service has been extended to but three divisions of the bureau. It is hoped that the circulation of some of the periodicals may be cut down by this means.

On August 1, 1925, Miss Doris Johnson, of the periodical room, became the bride of Mr. Tom McLean. The staff of the B.A.E. library gave her a kitchen shower at the home of Mrs. Dunton at North Braddock on July 25. Four egg beaters and a can opener gave reassuring evidence that the bridegroom would not starve. Recent reports indicate that he has not yet missed mother's cooking.

Overheard in the stacks of the library of the B.A.E.: Mr. X - You know, Miss Carpenter, I always thought that a cow was the ugliest animal that ever walked on two legs.

Mrs. Hannay.

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December 10, 1925.

Miss Barnett's annual report for 1924/25 is out. Copies may be obtained from Miss Smith.

Miss Tierney, who was recently appointed and has been ill for the last ten days, has recovered sufficiently to return home. A telegram this A. M. announced her safe arrival.

The members of the staffs of the main and bureau libraries enjoyed a party at Miss Wilkins', November 28th.

Miss Allen reports that Miss Katherine Donch has been appointed temporary typist and is also assisting at the periodical desk.

A new periodical, Biological Abstracts, will start with the literature of January, 1926, to cover current botanical and zoological literature. Botanical Abstracts will be discontinued but because some 1925 literature will be slow in coming, one more volume will appear in 1926. Headquarters will be at the University of Pennsylvania. Miss Pidgeon has resigned from the Office of Exhibits to join the staff of the new journal and will do editorial work at first.

Since the young man who formerly assisted Mrs. Shively left nearly three months ago, she has had to do all the work of the library herself. She is pleased to report that a new assistant, Richard Nichols, is coming tomorrow morning as library aid, pending certification.

Miss Hazel B. MacDonald who has been with the library of the Bureau of Public Roads for four years almost to the day has left to take charge of the Davis Library of Highway Research and Highway Engineering, at the University of Michigan.

The library of the Bureau of Entomology is enjoying three foreign visitors, Dr. Soudek from Czechoslovakia, Prof. V. V. Nikolsky from Moscow, and Prof. Monzen from Japan. The first has been in the library a month studying economic entomology and the second is to be here a month. They are all most interesting and we feel quite international. Wednesday gave a splendid example of our patriotism. Prof. Nikolsky remarked to Miss Colcord and to one of the scientists in the bureau that the London zoo was so much larger and finer than that in New York, which was very dirty. We Americans exclaimed, and our Czechoslovakian friend said "Oh, but the Bronx - it is quite over the top." Then followed a true Noah's Ark scene, the Russian trotting out all the animals from Africa in the London zoo to back up his statement. America characteristically persisted that no zoo could possibly exceed the Bronx! Subsequent conversation showed that Russia was speaking of Central Park.

THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON
FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT
TO THE PRESENT TIME

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IN TWO VOLUMES.
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The City of Boston, the first settlement of which was made in 1630, has since that time increased in population and in the extent of its commerce, and has become one of the most important cities in the North American continent. The history of this city, from its first settlement to the present time, is a subject of great interest and importance, and one which has attracted the attention of many of the most distinguished writers of the age. The present work, which is the first of two volumes, contains a full and complete history of the city from its first settlement in 1630 to the year 1700. It is written in a clear and concise style, and is full of interesting and valuable information. It is a work which every person who is interested in the history of the city of Boston should read.

One of the proposals made at the meeting of the Agricultural Libraries Section in Seattle was to undertake cooperatively the compilation of a series of source books for the agricultural statistics of the various states. The Chairman stated that she would be willing to have the actual compiling of these done in her library, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and she thought that there was no doubt that Miss Barnett would be able to see the finished compilation through the press. This proposition was voted upon and it was unanimously agreed that the work be undertaken.

The source book for Alabama is now finished, the work having been done by Miss Margaret T. Olcott, Assistant Librarian of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. It will be mimeographed and sent to all agricultural librarians and others interested and it is hoped that it will bring forth constructive comment and criticism from those who receive it. As it is the first of the series we want criticism in order that the later compilations may be better than this one. It is hoped that the agricultural librarians will personally ask for comment upon it from the economists and statisticians with whom they work.

The work upon the Californis compilation is well under way. California was undertaken out of the alphabetical order because of the immediate need of such a handbook in connection with some research work which is being planned in that state. The official sources are being compiled by Miss Louise O. Bercaw in the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Mrs. Abbott, Agricultural Reference Librarian of the University of California, is helping actively by undertaking the compilation and analysis of the unofficial sources of the agricultural statistics of California. It is earnestly hoped that the librarian of each of the agricultural colleges will undertake in the same way that that Mrs. Abbott has to be responsible for the sources of the unofficial statistics of his or her state. It will probably be necessary to omit the commercial and other unofficial statistics for the states unless this part of the work can be done locally.

It has been decided to compile the Federal Sources of state agricultural statistics as a separate handbook. Otherwise they would have to be repeated under each state. This Federal compilation will be the next undertaken by Miss Olcott as no state compilation will be complete without it.

